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ERROR IN THE DATE.
The Kicker has no "devil" hence the Kicker will have to bear the blame of neglecting to change the date on the front page. It should be December 8.

GET BUSY NOW
Let the friends of the Kicker show the bosses what they can do. I want to tell you last week how we were getting along but an unexpected advertisement of the David A. Glenn Mercantile Co. crowded it out. We got twenty subscribers during last week—Alex. Thompson, of Blodgett, leading by sending in six. R. Thompson has sent in four this week. Others can do as well if they only try.

We are having the same fight that Socialists everywhere have. Capitalism must control the press and the pulpit at any cost—if it can. These would public opinion and enlightened public opinion is the one thing capitalism fears. Any newspaper or minister who refuses to sing the praises of the present robber system will meet the same opposition that the Kicker has arrayed against it—the combined financial and political power of the community. The fact that these influences are solidly arrayed against the Kicker in Scott county proves that they consider the paper an important factor in the affairs of the county. The Kicker appreciates the distinction thus given it by our best people.

This latest attempt to run the paper out by furnishing free is not near so discouraging as the outlook two years ago. Then we had only a little over 600 Socialists in the county. Now we have 1,000. By next election we will have 1,500 if we all pull together. The certain knowledge of ultimate success makes every sacrifice a pleasure—and the Kicker is not worried about the final outcome. The enemies of the Kicker are no doubt feeling very good. They again captured the political power of the county and feel safe—for a time. So jubilant are these short-sighted people that they are telling it that the Kicker is for sale. I want to tell you that I want to sell it to them to add a few cents to their pocket. The money of Scott county have stood by this paper too long and loyally for me to even think of selling. When they desert the paper, then I will.

In the mean time let every subscriber try to get another. It is the fellows out in the country that count. It is from their labor that all of us must live. It is the farmers that we want to reach with their organ as to influence their minds. They want you to believe that the fellow who takes a part of your crop as rent, or loans you money at a high rate of interest, or sells you at an enormous profit, has "accommodated" you and is your friend.

Conceding A. Q. Miller will be in charge of the circulation department and the correspondence. He will keep you posted as to how the subscriptions are coming in. This month and January are the banner months of the year. During last December and subscriptions were received. It is your duty to show the master class what the workers can do.

Just after an election there is always a slump in the subscription receipts of any paper. After the election two years ago the month of November showed but 4 subscriptions for the Kicker. Last year during the same month it reached 80, and this year 60. The following were received since last report up to December 1:

Commerce—Victor Scherer, L. L. Smith, Ed. Garvey, August Springer.
Blodgett—W. E. Sullivan, J. Ed. Green, J. E. Graham, D. S. Murchison, W. J. Kindred, G. C. Langston, W. E. Raglin, F. M. Carr, J. R. Livingston, Mrs. Eliza Howell, W. D. Hampton.

Forfeited—A. C. Schuetz, Wm. Blattel, Wm. Hall.
Hills—J. C. Madsen, J. E. Reeves, Mrs. L. J. Blackman, Wm. Westertahl.
F. M. Witt, Chaffee; George Kern, New Hamburg; G. P. Holman, Benton; S. A. Randol, Morley; S. D. Boyett, Charleston; M. Lepky, Bertrand; Mrs. A. Kleppner, Chicago.

Rufus Noble, Blackwell, Texas.
John Vaughn and George Perry, Morley, Mo.

Now get busy and see what can be done for December.

THE EFFECT OF IT.

Glard, Nov. 28.—"I have been a Democrat all my life, but hereafter I cast my lot with the Socialists."

With this closing sentence on his lips J. L. Sheppard, attorney for Fred Warren in his case before the federal court, announced his withdrawal from both the old parties at a protest meeting held in the court house here.

Sheppard's declaration and his denunciation of both the old parties caused a sensation in the city and brought wild cheers from the Socialists and other citizens gathered in the hall.

"I have stamped the state in the interest of the Democratic party repeatedly, except in the old Populist days, the last time being during the late campaign. But although the Democrats won an apparent victory I see how futile it all is for the workers," continued Sheppard, when the excitement had abated.

"And from now on I shall no longer support the party of Jefferson and Bryan. Hereafter I am a Socialist."

CAN YOU SEE THE CAT?
Four years ago was the last time the printing and publishing of the ballots was let in accordance with law—to the best advantage of tax-payers. Then the Kicker was the lowest bidder and did the work for \$44.75 and made a fair profit. Two years ago it cost the tax payers \$135.00, and this year \$258.67. How do the people who pay for it like this sort of business?

If anybody thinks I am referring to this just to be making a noise, I will try to change their mind. I will agree to duplicate the ballots printed this year—the amendments and all—for \$50.00. The publishing of it amounts only to the folding of it in the paper, and the news value of it is worth that. Here is the way it figures out:

White paper	\$20.00
Type setting	7.00
Press work	1.00
Cutting and delivering	2.00
Profit	15.00
Total	\$45.00

See the cat? If anybody thinks this a bluff, let them call it.

HERE AND YONDER

The Commerce postmaster notified the Kicker that Leonard Weber's paper is uncalled for. There is a mistake. Mr. Weber has lived in the hills above Commerce since "Hick" was a pup. He is on the R. F. D. notice comes from Morley that L. J. Strayhorn is "not here." Where is Mr. Strayhorn? Both papers are paid for.

Earle Silkaard, of Oran, writes: "You may ask me personally or through the Kicker to please stop sending me tax receipts. No doubt there are many others who understand that they are indirectly paying for the paper and would prefer credit on their tax receipts—judging from the way they are it stopped."

T. A. Hamlin and H. L. Hamlin, of Benton, Tenn., father and son, visited last week. They are both of the near community. All week in Benton Saturday. The visitors said the farmers of Tennessee were not back rented as they are here. Most of them being home owners. Organizer Branam is busy. Everything looks as bright as a picture with the Socialists. For the first time a local was organized at Morley school last week with such conservative old farmers as Judge Albright and John Roth among the charter members.

E. M. and R. B. Daugherty of Macedonia, were here Monday. An effort to organize a Socialist local at Macedonia was sidetracked on a bout of rain Wednesday night of last week, they said. It was Laurence Seyer, and not Ferdinand, of Anceil, who went home broke last week after paying his taxes. Laurence was here Monday and called attention to the error.

It is evident the next big feed the nation's grafters will sit in at will be the Deep Waterways humbug. The System's press is belching loudly, which indicates great hunger.

In the matter of progress the United States has caught up with Spain. Each nation has one Socialist in its national congress. But we will outstrip Spain in the next election.

Miss Smith, of Bleda, was here Wednesday paying taxes. He says the big thing is the order of the day at Bleda.

August Springer of Commerce township and George Layton of Vanduser were here Tuesday.

When you come to Benton, drop in at the Kicker's office and get a nice 1911 calendar.

Ed. Koelker and son and J. B. Finley, all of near Oran, were in Benton Wednesday.

Miss Norma Timenstein has returned from a visit to relatives in Cape county.

C. Mattingly has moved from Sandy Woods to Franksburg.

A. Q. Miller visited Crowder and Vanduser Tuesday.

The Kicker is an educator. Do your part to spread the light.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
The event of the season was the grand ball at Stike's Hall on Thanksgiving night given by the W. O. W. At the opening the assembled guests were entertained with speeches by A. B. Sink and Dr. Schindler, who spoke of the merits of the order. The great orchestra of four pieces furnished excellent music and all present had a good time.

Wednesday of last week was Father Moenig's namesday. The following day being Thanksgiving, the children combined the two occasions and entertained with singing, essays and other entertainments concluding by presenting the Father with many good things to eat.

Louis Belchert has moved his residence off the lot he sold to George Kern to the rear of his restaurant, and Mr. Kern has lumber on the ground to put up a modern building.

Joe Enders attended the shooting match at August. Klippel's and wanted the biggest turkey, but the boys treated him so mean that he didn't even get a duck.

Messieurs Louis Hahn and Jno. Linhart were very sick.

Tony Goehle and family were up from Bleda Sunday.

FROM CROSS PLAINS
Patron's Day was observed on Wednesday before Thanksgiving at our school. The program was quite interesting. Quite a number of patrons was present, but the number could have been improved.

The teachers Miss Hallett and Haden spent Thanksgiving at their homes.

Mr. Seth Rapp loaded two cars of rye last week.

Measles Booth and Hunter were visitors in this neighborhood last week.

Mr. Ed. Kneesh's little child was badly burned last week. The child was playing with matches.

Mr. Charles Snowden went to the Cape to school Monday.

A cloak room has been built in the school house, which was badly needed.

Rev. Maddox, of Blodgett, Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Seth Rapp.

FROM HICKORY GROVE.
George Ungers and family of Cross Plains spent Sunday with the family of Mack Morrow; Mrs. Silas Randol and daughter, Irene and Ruth, Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turner's, and Silas Finley and family visited the family of Lee Morrow Sunday.

There will be preaching here Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, and singing at Mrs. Wilson's Friday night. Come.

George Weeks and family visited our neighborhood Sunday.

We had a ball storm Sunday that whitened the ground.

Ray Randol visited his grandparents at Morley Sunday.

Lee and Mack Morrow were at Oran last week.

FROM MACEDONIA
Hanna, Lena and Otto Bles, Macedonia, Seyer and Alf. Chatham attended the Thanksgiving ball at New Hamburg.

Tom Hawkins and Arthur Mills and the Misses Ora Davis and Mary Sanders visited Fayetteville on Thanksgiving.

Mrs. J. C. and Mary Thompson, who visited relatives here, returned to their home Sunday at Marion, Illinois.

There will be a pie supper at Joe Spaulding's Saturday night, Dec. 10, for the benefit of the school.

Mrs. J. S. Roehel and Otto Potter of Edna were here Saturday.

Miss Ora Davis, of Marion, Ill., is visiting Miss Mary Sanders.

FROM MULLIN'S ISLAND
R. N. Fields, J. T. Fields and George Perry and their families visited Alvin Carter at Hoo Sunday.

Miss Laura Evans visited the Misses Munn and Birdie S'Barger near Oran, Saturday.

After a week's visit here Miss Mae Laun returned to her home at Portageville Saturday.

A. A. Evans visited his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Watson, at Elk last week.

Miss Cora Vick, of Anna Ill., visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beggs last week.

The dance at George Watson's Thursday night was a pleasant affair.

Jim S'Barger of near Oran was here Sunday.

FROM ROOTWAD.
Miss Maudie Clay of McMullin visited her aunt, Miss Ella Mitchell, Thanksgiving and is reported that Joe Trent has been studying the map with the intention of changing his Sunday route.

Patron's Day was very largely attended at our school. A nice program had been arranged and was enjoyed by the patrons.

Mrs. Wm. Lindley and sister, Miss Maudie Briar, spent Thanksgiving with their father at Lilbourn.

J. W. Brown attended a meeting at Mount Zion conducted by Rev. Dunn Saturday and Sunday.

The entertainment and pie supper here Thanksgiving night was well attended. Receipts, \$37.60.

Dolph Hall and Miss Ruth Walker visited at Minner's Sunday.

Grandpa Isaac Cloin has been very sick with bronchitis.

FROM MINNER SWITCH.
A lady, gold watch and fob was lost between J. L. Turley's and Minner Switch. Engine works and pictures of Vernon and Rosie Turkey on inside front case. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to Rosie Turkey, Sikeston, Mo. Rfd. 2.

Jeas Barnhill has moved among us; Tom Pollard has moved to the northern part of the state; and John Hinkle and family have moved here from Kentucky.

A two-and-a-half pound girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Dotson.

FROM VANDUSER.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin on the 24th, a fine girl. The accident at the hoop mill last week was sad. James Patter son was pulling on a belt, when he was caught and his head so severely crushed that he lived but a few minutes.

Bro. J. C. Montgomery has decided to make his home among his people and we are pleased to have him help us in our weekly services.

A number of our young folks gave a surprise party at Lynn Lacy's last week. All report a good time.

Mrs. M. E. Allen and daughter Violet of the Cape were the guests of Mrs. F. F. Hacketts and family last week.

Bro. Russell, the presiding elder, held quarterly meeting here Sunday and gave two fine sermons.

W. H. Crannaek and A. J. Patterson received a new corn sheller Monday and will go right to Mr. Haus and begin shelling.

Bro. C. R. Harris and wife and some of our young folks went to Morley Monday evening to hear Bro. Swope.

Messieurs W. R. Batts and E. J. Zimmerman went to Poplar Bluff Friday to visit, returning Sunday.

The Vanduser Socialist Local will meet Saturday night, Dec. 8. All comrades try to be present.

Bro. Blackman seems to have some sense of the meaning that is going on around here.

Mrs. Cline spent a few days with the Dr's father near Bloomfield last week.

Porter Smith was up from Morehouse Sunday to visit his family.

Chief of Police Gilispie, of St. Louis, is visiting friends and hunting some of our young folks who attended the ball at Oran the 24th.

Mrs. J. W. Bevels is visiting her daughter at Poplar Bluff.

There will be services at the Baptist church Sunday.

Bro. Blackman and his children are having the chills.

Constable Little had business in our town Monday.

Alfred Williams is real sick with pneumonia.

Our new J. I. will hold his first court the 30th.

FROM CROWDER
W. B. Atkins is now agent for the Kicker, who was to renew their subscriptions and all who have not been subscribers who wish to subscribe, call at his restaurant and he will take your subscription.

The Thanksgiving entertainment and box-supper given here by the school Wednesday night was largely attended. The proceeds from the supper will be used to decorate the school room.

Mrs. J. W. Carlie and children spent Thanksgiving at Conran with her sister, Mrs. M. B. Garver.

Mrs. Lucy Frye spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. T. L. Cooky of Vanduser.

Miss Lorene Cooky, of Sikeston was the guest of Miss Fay Carlie Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. J. C. Montgomery delivered a Thanksgiving address at the M. E. church Thursday night.

Mr. Gordon moved to Tyler, Mo. Friday.

Miss Beulah Wisdom is very sick. Cecil Whitwell is sick.

PUBLIC SALE.
Public Sale.—Saturday, December 3, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. we will sell, at our homes, about 2 1/2 miles north of Vanduser, 15 head of cattle, 45 head of hogs, 2 work mules, 4 cultivators, 2 mowers, a binder, hay-rake, plows, wagon and many other articles.

Terms.—\$5 and under, cash; over \$5, a credit of twelve months will be given purchaser to give a note, with approved security bearing 8 per cent interest.

J. A. MORRISON.
E. E. TRAVIS.

PUBLIC SALE.
I will sell on Tuesday, Dec. 6th, at my home place, a mile southeast of New Hamburg, a brood mare, a 2-year-old mare, two work mules, a 4-year-old horse, a buggy horse, two milk cows with calves, a yearling heifer, two sows with 18 pigs, about 35 shoats, a brood sow, one Berkshire male, binder, mower, 2 hay-rakes, wheat drill, section harrow, Acme harrow, cultivator, corn drill, two 3-horse plows, a double shovel, a new ground plow, a two-horse blow, two farm wagons, two hay frames, a sled, a scraper, iron kettle, about 200 bushels corn, 300 bushels hay, 40 bushels peas, 5 bu. clover seed, cider press, a match rifle, fanning mill and other things.

Terms.—\$5 and under cash; over \$5 a credit of 8 months will be given, purchaser giving 7% note with approved security. No interest charged if paid at maturity.

GEORGE KERN.

PUBLIC SALE.
Saturday December 10. And in case of rain, then on Monday, December 12, at my place, two miles north of Oran, on Oran and Chaffee road, I will sell a Oneok mare colt coming 3 years old, a family mare, a 5-year-old black mare in foal, a 4-year-old black mare, 25 two and three year old mules, a Jersey cow, 9 other head of cattle, a thoroughbred Poland bull, 8 brood sows all with pigs, 15 shoats, two buggies, a new survey, a wagon, new wheat fan, a 20-horse power Rumley engine and a new ideal separator, and water tank, platform scales, and many other articles.

Terms.—\$5 and under cash; over \$5 a credit of ten months will be given, purchaser giving 8% note with approved security. No interest if paid promptly at maturity.

A discount of 8% for cash on all sales over \$5.

FRANK L. HEISSERER.

FROM BLODGETT
Mrs. Wood Reams was called to West Plains Friday to the bedside of Mr. Reams who was taken very ill but is reported better now and they think he will be able to come home in a few weeks.

Miss Leona Jones returned to Sikeston Sunday after a week's visit with her mother.

Mrs. Laura Chewing spent Thanksgiving in Benton and reported a nice time.

Miss Minnie Carter, of Columbia, Ky., spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Harrison.

Mrs. Fresno Sexton, of Mt. Vernon, Ind., is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. H. Sexton.

The Baptists are holding a protracted meeting here. Everybody come.

The entertainment at the school Friday was enjoyed by many.

Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs spent Thanksgiving in Farmington.

Mrs. Jane Smith is very sick with pneumonia.

WHAT SHE WANTED.
A beautiful young bride entered a corner grocery one morning and said:

"Have you got any jackpots Mr. Sander?"

"No, ma'am," Sander answered, and he hid a smile behind his hand. "I've got teasets and coffee pots but jackpots I don't stock."

"Oh, dear!" said the bride. "I want a wrapped up smooth and a beautiful brow. 'I'm so sorry! You see, Mr. Sander, my husband's mother used to cook for him, and nearly every night he talks in his sleep about a jackpot. So I thought I'd get one, for, since he mentions it so often, he must be used to it. Could you tell me, Mr. Sander, what they cook in jackpots?"

"Green, ma'am," was the quick answer.—Detroit Free Press.

THE TROUBLE.
Little Dorothy was complaining that her stomach felt badly.

"Perhaps it is because it's empty," said her mother. "It might feel better if you had something in it."

Not long afterward a friend called. In reply to a question as to his health he said that he was well, but that his head felt rather badly that day.

"Perhaps it is because it's empty," spoke up Dorothy. "It might feel better if you had something in it."

A FARMER'S FEAST.
A farmer who was taking his first trip on a railroad train found himself getting hungry.

A train boy came thru and, after some effort, sold the farmer three bananas for ten cents.

The farmer peeled the bananas, threw away the fruit, and ate the skins. Presently the boy came back. "Want some more bananas?" he asked.

"No; guess not."

"Why, what's your good?"

"Oh, good's a common, I suppose; but they're good, too turned much about 'em."

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?
From the Daily Socialists.

"How do you know that Socialists if elected would not be just as corrupt as republicans or democrats?"

This is the question more often asked than any other by those who do not understand Socialism.

The difference between the Socialist party and the capitalist parties is fundamental.

The old parties try to patch up the holes and leaks in the decayed system which they serve, but do not want to destroy the system.

Private ownership in public utilities cannot be maintained without special legislation in its favor.

The old parties are parties originated and supported by the owners. They are in power for the owners. They do the bidding of the owners.

As soon as the old parties cease to serve the owners they cease to exist.

The private owners must use labor to do the work. For the owners themselves do not want to work.

They must treat labor in such a manner as to be able to control it. They must also present a seeming front of fairness.

It is therefore that the owners use their own parties, the republican, democratic, prohibition and others of the same kind to legislate in keeping with their own best interest.

To serve themselves and also the working class is entirely impossible.

The best they can do is to appear to serve the people and fool the masses into that belief.

Now does it make any difference whether the owners call their party republican or democratic. These parties both bend to the owning exploiting class.

As a worker can, therefore, not expect any relief from either. All you will get is enough to maintain yourself so that you may be profitable to the owners.

The Socialist party is entirely the opposite to the other parties. The Socialist party is made up of the workers and is their own instrument of self-protection.

As the old parties stand for private ownership, which means exploitation, graft, corruption and everything that is wicked, so the Socialist party stands for public ownership for public utilities, which means that the people as a whole rather than a few shall enjoy the good things of life.

Now, the old parties have succeeded in serving the purpose for which they are maintained.

Why should not the Socialist party serve the purpose for which it is maintained?

If the old parties have served their masters, why should not the Socialist party serve its masters?

And since graft and corruption have their source in private ownership, will they not disappear with the disappearance of their source?

The Socialists are of a different turn of mind and have different objects in view from the old party adherents.

The old party servants have the saving of private interests as their goal. The Socialists have the saving of the whole working class as their goal.

"They know that as individuals neither they nor the rest of the workers can be secure. They know that only by collective ownership in the means of life can they and their class get justice."

In view of all this, it would not be natural for Socialists to sell out. They cannot sell out to the people, for they are already the servants of the people.

They will not sell out to the private owners, for that is to return to slavery.

Milwaukee is showing to the world that there is a difference. Even the old parties admit that the Socialists are on the square, but they do not know why.

Socialists can gain nothing by being crooked. They can gain everything by being straight.

WHAT SOCIALISM IS
From the Appeal to Reason.

SOCIALISM is misrepresented, just as every new idea is misrepresented. Things that are false are told about it, sometimes with knowledge that they are false, sometimes in the belief that they are true. A brief statement of what Socialism is may be in order.

Socialism is a plan to set aside the robbery of the workers through profit, interest and rent, and to insure him employment at all times and the full social product of his toil. It is proposed to accomplish this by instituting a highly developed tools of production and distribution—too large and expensive to be longer owned and operated as individuals—unity, collective ownership and democratic control. This would at once place the whole people, who would own these things, in possession of what they produced, without the intervention of an owner or boss, and enable them to retain all they might produce.

There is all there is to Socialism. It has no secrets. It is not a system of laws which it wishes to impose on others, but a plan, a method through which it would give the working people control of their own lives. It is nothing more than the extension of American principles of democracy, a further socializing of things, begun when roads, schools, post-offices and like things were socialized. It is socialization of industry, and no more to be feared, no more difficult of understanding, than are the socialized or common schools.

Socialism is not opposed to private property. Indeed, its whole aim is to make it so that all people may have private property, rather than only a few millionaires as at present.

Socialism is not un-American. It is merely an extension of the principles set forth by the revolutionary forefathers. The American movement is, as has been found by careful census, composed of more than 60 per cent native Americans.

Socialism is not a scheme, depending entirely on agitation for success. It is the growth of an idea. As proof of this fact, it is world wide. Socialism, on essential points, is the same all over the world.

Socialism is not opposed to the American flag. American Socialists use the flag. They use the red flag also as an international symbol. The stars and stripes could not do in England or Germany, but the red flag, representative of universal brotherhood, can be used anywhere. The red flag is not the symbol of anarchy. Anarchists use the black flag.

Socialism is not anarchy. It is the opposite of it. Anarchy believes in no government. Socialists believe in further organization, a perfected organization that shall include the social life. Socialism is not a narrow creed, but it includes all races and all beliefs proves this. It expects to win the world, and it could not do this, and would not deserve to do it, if it had designs on censoring the beliefs, or peculiar mannerisms, or ways of thought, of anyone. It wishes only to end exploitation and secure a higher and juster civilization.

Socialism is opposed to dividing up. The workers now divide up with the owners of the machine, and Socialism would stop this outrage.

Socialism is the friend of the home. Under capitalism two-fifths of the people are renters, and another fifth owns homes under incumbrance. Socialism will make it possible for all to own good, comfortable homes, free of debt.

Socialism is a friend of religion. At present so-called "Christianism" is an armed camp, where poverty and crime are visible everywhere. Socialism will end war and poverty and establish full religious tolerance. Under these conditions religion could thrive as it cannot now.

Socialism is a friend of marriage.